

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13: (Previously Amended) A process for conditioning fabrics comprising the steps of:

adding to a laundry cycle of a washing machine in the drum of the washing machine, the water soluble package comprising a polymeric film, the polymeric film comprising a polymeric backbone derived from a polymer which is water soluble, and one or more derivatising groups attached to the backbone, the derivatising group(s) being derived from a parent material comprising a C4 to C22 hydrocarbyl chain, wherein the polymeric film has a solubility or dispersibility in anionic or combinations of anionic/nonionic surfactants of more than 15 minutes when the surfactant concentration in water is greater than 0.05 g/L and a solubility or dispersibility of less than 15 minutes when the surfactant concentration in water is less than 0.05 g/L;
and according to claim 1

contacting the contents of the package with fabric in the rinse cycle of a washing machine in the drum of the washing machine.

Claim 14: (Original) A process according to claim 13 wherein the tendency of the water soluble package to break down is reduced in the presence of a fabric wash detergent active.

Claim 15: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the water soluble package comprises a crystallinity disruptor and/or a plasticizer physically or chemically bound to the backbone of the polymeric film.

Claim 16: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the polymeric backbone is derived from PVOH.

Claim 17: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the parent material from which the derivatising group is obtained is selected from the group consisting of acetals, ketals, esters, fluoro-organics, ethers, epoxides, alkanes, alkenes and aromatic compounds.

Claim 18: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the parent material from which the derivatising group is obtained is an aldehyde.

Claim 19: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the polymer has an average degree of saponification of from 70 to 99%, more preferably from 80 to 99%, most preferably from 88 to 99%.

Claim 20: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the degree of derivatisation of the polymeric backbone by the derivatising group is from 0.1 to 40% by weight, based on the total weight of the polymer, more preferably 2 to 30%, most preferably 5 to 15%, e.g. 8 to 12%.

Claim 21: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the polymer is based on PVOH and the number ratio of the derivative groups to the free hydroxyl pairs on the backbone is from 1:3 to 1:30, more preferably 1:4 to 1:20, most preferably 1:7 to 1:15, e.g. 1:8 to 1:13.

Claim 22: (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the polymeric film is capable of forming, upon contact with a detergent surfactant in a micellar or liquid crystalline form, a gelled network having a viscosity or an apparent molecular weight greater than the molecular weight of the polymeric film alone.